

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A last will and testament service method in a last will and testament service system having a testator terminal, a last will and testament service terminal, a public office terminal, and a communication line, comprising:

processing will information and authentication information in which said testator terminal produces said will information representing a will to an heir of a testator and transmits it through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, registers and takes custody of said will information and charges a predetermined fee to said testator;

processing dead person information in which said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, accepts a notice of death reported to the public office and records it as dead person information and transmits said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal; and

processing said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said dead person information through said communication line and compares said dead

person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, transmits said will information to said heir of said testator.

2. (previously presented): The last will and testament service method according to Claim 1, wherein said communication line comprises the Internet.

3. (currently amended): A last will and testament service method in a last will and testament service system having a testator terminal, a last will and testament service terminal, a public office terminal, and a communication line, comprising:

processing will information and authentication information in which said testator terminal produces will information representing a will to an heir of a testator and transmits it through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing said will information in which said will service terminal receives said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, registers and takes custody of said will information and charges a predetermined fee to said testator;

processing updating information and authentication information in which said testator terminal transmits said updating information used to change, or add to contents of said will information registered on said last will and testament service terminal, together with said authentication information, through said communication line, to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said updating information and authentication information through said communication line from said testator terminal and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information updates said will information registered on said last will and testament service terminal and charges a predetermined fee to said testator;

processing dead person information in which said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~ an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, accepts a notice of death reported to the public office and records it as dead person information and transmits said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal; and

processing said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said dead person information through said communication line and compares said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, transmits said will information to said heir of said testator.

4. (previously presented): The last will and testament service method according Claim 3, wherein said communication line comprises the Internet.

5. (currently amended): A last will and testament service method in a last will and testament service system having a testator terminal, a testator terminal, a public office terminal, and a communication line, comprising:

processing of will information and authentication information in which said testator terminal produces said will information representing a will to an heir and transmits it through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing of registering said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, registers and takes custody of said will information and charges a predetermined fee to said testator;

processing of dead person information in which said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~ an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, accepts a notice of death reported to the public office and records it as dead person information and transmits said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing of said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said dead person information through said communication line and compares said lead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, transmits said will information through said communication line, to said testator terminal; and

processing said will information in which said testator terminal receives said will information transmitted from said last will and testament service terminal through said communication line.

6. (previously presented): The last will and testament service method according to Claim 5, wherein said communication line is the Internet.

7. (currently amended): A last will and testament service method in a last will and testament service system having a testator terminal, a last will and testament service terminal, a public office terminal, and a communication line, comprising:

processing will information and authentication information in which said testator terminal produces will information representing a will to an heir and transmits it through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, registers and takes custody of said will information and charges a predetermined fee to said testator;

processing of updating information in which said testator terminal transmits said updating information used to change, or add to the contents of said will information registered on said last will and testament service terminal, together with said authentication information, through said communication line, to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said updating information and authentication information through said communication line from said testator terminal and, after having authenticated said testator based on said

authentication information, updates said will information registered on said last will and testament service terminal and charges a predetermined fee to said testator;

processing of dead person information in which said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~ an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, accepts a notice of death reported to the public office and records it as dead person information and transmits said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal;

processing said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said dead person information through said communication line and compares said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, transmits said will information through said communication line to said testator terminal; and

processing said will information in which said testator terminal receives said will information transmitted from said last will and testament service terminal through said communication line.

8. (previously presented): The last will and testament service method according to Claim 7, wherein said communication line comprises the Internet.

9. (currently amended): A last will and testament service system comprising:

a testator terminal;

a last will and testament service terminal;

a public office terminal;

a communication line; and

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of a testator, is configured to produce will information representing a will to an heir and authentication information used to authenticate said testator and to transmit said will information and said authentication information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal, based on manipulation of an operator in charge of a last will and testament service, is configured to receive said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, is configured to register and take custody of said will information and to charge a predetermined fee to said testator,

wherein said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, is configured to receive a notice of death reported to the public office and to record said notice of death as dead person information and to transmit said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal,

whereinsaid last will and testament service terminal is configured to receive said dead person information through said communication line and to compare said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, to transmit said will information to said heir.

10. (previously presented): The last will and testament service system according to Claim 9 wherein said communication line comprises the Internet.

11. (currently amended): A last will and testament service system comprising:

a testator terminal;

a last will and testament service terminal;

a public office terminal;

a communication line; and

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of a testator, is configured to produce will information representing a will to an heir and authentication information used to authenticate said testator and to transmit said will information and said authentication information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal,

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of a testator, is configured to produce updating information and said authentication information and to transmit said updating information and said authentication information, through said communication line, to said last will and testament service terminal,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal, based on manipulation of an operator in charge of a last will and testament service, is configured to receive said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, to register and take custody of said will information and to charge a predetermined fee to said testator,



wherein said last will and testament service terminal is configured to receive dead person information through said communication line and to compare said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, to transmit said will information to said heir,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal is configured to receive said updating information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, to update said will information and to charge a predetermined fee to said testator,

wherein said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~ an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, is configured to receive said notice of death reported to the public office and to record said notice of death as dead person information and to transmit said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal.

12. (previously presented): The last will and testament service system according to Claim 11 wherein said communication line comprises the Internet.

13. (currently amended): A last will and testament service system comprising:

a testator terminal;

a last will and testament service terminal;

a public office terminal;

a communication line; and

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of testator, is configured to produce will information representing a will to an heir and authentication information used to authenticate said testator and to transmit said will information and said authentication information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal, based on manipulation of an operator in charge of a last will and testament service, is configured to receive said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after authenticating said testator based on said authentication information, to register and take custody of said will information and to charge a predetermined fee to said testator,

wherein said last will and testament terminal is configured to receive dead person information through said communication line and to compare said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, to transmit said will information to said heir at said testator terminal,

wherein said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~ an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, is configured to receive a notice of death reported to the public office and record said notice of death as dead person information and to transmit said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal; and

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of said heir, is so configured as to receive said will information transmitted from said last will and testament service terminal through said communication line.

14. (previously presented): The last will and testament service system according to Claim 13 wherein said communication line is the Internet.

15. (currently amended): A last will and testament service system comprising:

a testator terminal;

a last will and testament service terminal;

a public office terminal; and

a communication line,

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of a testator, is configured to produce will information representing a will to an heir and authentication information used to authenticate said testator and to transmit said will information and said authentication information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal,

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of a testator, is configured to produce updating information and said authentication information and to transmit said updating information and said authentication information through said communication line, to said last will and testament service terminal,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal, based on manipulation of an operator in charge of a last will and testament service, is configured as receive said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, to register and take custody of said will information and to charge a predetermined fee to said testator,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal is configured to receive dead person information through said communication line and to compare said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, to transmit said will information through said communication line to said testator terminal,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal is configured to receive said updating information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, to update said will information based on said updating information and to transmit said will information through said communication line to said testator terminal and to charge a predetermined fee to said testator; and

wherein said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, is configured to receive and record said notice of death reported to the public office as said dead person information and to transmit said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal; and

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of said heir, is configured to receive said will information transmitted from said last will and testament service terminal through said communication line.

16. (previously presented): The last will and testament service system according to Claim 15 wherein said communication line comprises the Internet.

17. (currently amended): A storage medium storing control programs to have a computer implement a last will and testament service method in a last will and testament service system having a testator terminal, a last will and testament service terminal, a public office terminal, and a communication line, said method comprising:

producing will information and authentication information in which said testator terminal produces will information representing a will to an heir and authentication information and transmits it through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal;

registering said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, registers and takes custody of said will information and charges a predetermined fee to said testator;

transmitting dead person information in which said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, accepts a notice of death reported to the public office and records it as dead person information and transmits said dead person information through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal; and

transmitting said will information in which said last will and testament service terminal receives said dead person information through said communication line and compares said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, transmits said will information to said heir.

18. (currently amended): A storage medium storing control programs to a computer which implement functions of a last will and testament service system comprising:

a testator terminal;

a last will and testament service terminal;

a public office terminal; and

a communication line;

wherein said testator terminal, based on manipulation of a testator, is configured to produce will information representing a will to an heir and authentication information used to authenticate said testator and to transmit it through said communication line to said last will and testament service terminal,

wherein said last will and testament service terminal, based on manipulation of an operator in charge of a last will and testament service, is configured to receive said will information and said authentication information through said communication line and, after having authenticated said testator based on said authentication information, to register and take custody of said will information and to charge a predetermined fee to said testator;

wherein said last will and testament service terminal is configured to receive dead person information through said communication line and to compare said dead person information with said authentication information and, if said dead person information matches with said testator, to transmit said will information to said heir,

wherein said public office terminal, based on ~~manipulation~~an input of an operator at the death notice accepting section of the public office, in charge of receiving a notice of death, is configured to receive a notice of death reported to the public office and to record it as dead

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person information and to transmit said dead person information through said communication  
line to said last will and testament service terminal.